

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (previously presented): A system for synchronizing data between service portals each hosting at least one personal information manager (PIM) service, each of said portals being accessible by means of remote access terminals, the system comprising first data synchronization means adapted to establish a correspondence between data stored in the portals, wherein the first synchronization means includes a client-server architecture, the client and the server of said architecture respectively comprising a module hosted in one of said portals and communicating with a server implementing the personal information manager service of said portal, and a synchronization module hosted within at least the other portal and communicating with a server hosting a different personal information manager service, said modules communicating via a computer network.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a second means for synchronizing data between the portals and at least a portion of said terminals.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second synchronization means includes a client-server architecture, the client and the server of said architecture of the second synchronization means respectively comprising a client module hosted within each of the terminals and a synchronization module hosted within the portal, said client and synchronization modules communicating via a computer network.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first synchronization means comprises means for exchanging data according to a standardized data synchronization language using content description markers.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second synchronization means comprises means for exchanging data according

to a standardized data synchronization language using content description markers.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the personal information handled by the synchronization system comprises data presented according to a "vCard" format.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the personal information handled by the synchronization system comprises data presented according to a "vCalendar" format.

Claim 8 (previously presented): An access platform for services of a first service portal hosting at least one personal information manager (PIM) service, the first service portal comprising a set of at least one server providing access to said services, accessible to remote access terminals and associated with storage means in which personal information is loaded, and a synchronization system between service portals including the first portal, each of said portals being accessible by means of remote access terminals and hosting at least one personal information manager service, wherein the synchronization system comprises first data synchronization means adapted to establish a correspondence between data stored in the portals, wherein the first synchronization means includes a client-server architecture, the client and the server of said architecture respectively comprising a module hosted in the first portal and communicating with a server of said set, and a synchronization module hosted within at least one other portal and communicating with a server hosting a different personal information manager service said modules communicating via a computer network.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The platform as claimed in claim 8, further comprising means to generate a man-machine interface on displays of the terminals, adapted to initiate generation and transmission of synchronization commands intended for the synchronization system.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method of synchronizing data between service portals each hosting at least one personal information manager (PIM) service, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a synchronization command using a man-machine interface supplied by a synchronization client of a client-server architecture hosted, on the one hand, in one of said portals and~~[[,]] on the other hand~~[[,]] in at least one other portal, said command conveying information relating to data to be synchronized; and

implementing the synchronization of data between the portals using a synchronization server hosted in said other portal(s) and indicated in the synchronization command.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the clients and the server communicate via a computer network according to a data synchronization language using content description markers (XML).

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the data to be synchronized are presented according to at least one of the "vCard" and "vCalendar" formats, and wherein two-way conversion of the markers in "vCard" and "vCalendar" format is performed in the step of implementing the synchronization.